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TAX LAWS IN KY. CAUSES EVASION

Present Unsatisfactory Laws Responsible for Small Returns

Retard Development and Lower Standard of Integrity—Efforts To Secure a Better System of Taxation Has Been Persistent for Fifteen Years.

Frankfort, Ky.—(Special)—The efforts to secure a better system of taxation for Kentucky have been persistent for fifteen years but owing to the ironclad restrictions in the state constitution it is exceedingly difficult to secure any change.

Tax commissions have repeatedly been appointed by authority of the legislature and these commissions have unanimously condemned the general property tax which was adopted by the last constitutional convention and as the law is constitutional it has been impossible for the legislature alone to repeal it.

However, the last general assembly undertook to amend the constitution as provided by law and this amendment will have to be ratified by the people at the November election and if it fails to carry it cannot be voted on again for another five years.

The effect of the present law is to drive people and money from the state and to prevent other people and money from coming in and building up our industries.

This is how the general property tax is regarded by outsiders as indicated in a report of a commission appointed in another state and it applies in all respects to our present tax system.

"The personal property tax is a farce. It falls inevitably upon the comparatively few who are caught. The burden it imposes upon production is out of all proportion to the revenue it produces."

"Year after year state and local assessing boards have denounced it as impracticable in its workings and unjust in its results. These recommendations have for the most part passed unheeded, or have led to ineffectual attempts to bolster up the law. It is time the situation was faced squarely, and the tax in its present form abolished."

"So far as the personal property tax attempts to reach intangible forms of wealth, its administration is so comical as to have become a byword. Such a method of collecting revenue would be a serious menace to democratic institutions were it not so generally recognized as a howling farce."

"But it is not a farce to those who are fully assessed. These are chiefly the widows and orphans who are caught when their property is listed in the probate court, farmers, retail merchants and others, incorporated or unincorporated, with stocks of goods, and the small investors who are not skillful enough to make non-taxable investments."

The state referred to has changed its tax system and already the receipts from taxation have increased enormously and the peculiar effect of it has been to lower the taxes on lands and improvements by securing a greater revenue from personal property which had formerly produced little or no returns.

Kentucky must increase its revenues to keep up its schools and public institutions and it would be manifestly unfair to make the property at present paying taxes sustain this added burden, but under the present law there is no other recourse.

If the amendment carries and the legislature is empowered to classify property so as to bring under the assessor's scrutiny the vast amount of personal property now escaping taxation the revenues can be increased and taxes on lands and houses diminished and what is more important than all we will be able to develop our resources, maintain our population and attract capital and people who will help to build up the state.

Ohio has recently changed its tax laws and has already been benefited and Tennessee is about to renounce the general property tax. Other states have either long since abolished it or are preparing to do so.

The present system in Kentucky was popular when the country was young and wealth largely confined to real estate which could not be hidden.

Wealth is now largely in personal securities which the assessor can not locate and in consequence this class of property escapes almost entirely.

Can we afford to neglect this great question and yet hope to compete with neighboring states which are less favored than ours naturally but have the advantage of cheap money and low taxes?

If the amendment fails to carry the next census will show that Kentucky has moved down another peg or so in its standing among the states and those at present paying taxes will inevitably have to pay more on the same property while others will escape by hiding their personal property from the assessors.

ORCHARD TOPICS

PREVENT OUTBREAK OF MOTH

Arsenical Spraying is One of Most Efficient Means of Eradicating Injurious Little Pest.

Collecting and destroying the eggs of this insect may entirely prevent an outbreak of the Tussock Moth. The eggs are deposited in clusters and appear as a mass of white froth, about one-half inch wide and an inch and a half long. The eggs are held firmly together and most of the clusters are located in plain view on the trunks and branches of the trees.



Tussock Moth Caterpillar and injured Fruit and Leaf.

where they may be easily scraped off with a hoe or some other sharp instrument and destroyed. These eggs should be carefully collected in the spring and a summer collection should also be made.

Next to destroying the eggs, the use of arsenical sprays is the most efficient means of preventing injury by this pest. More care in coating the under sides of the leaves than is usually observed in the regular applications of Bordeaux mixture and poison that are made preceding and at blossoming time, would do much to prevent an outbreak of this and other leaf-feeding pests. However, if the caterpillars are not discovered until they have begun to eat the fruit, it is advisable to use larger amounts of the poison than is customary in spraying for the caterpillar moth.

Precautions should be taken to coat the fruit and both surfaces of the leaves with the spraying mixture. The foliage and fruit of small trees of even occasional branches of large trees that are being injured by the caterpillars may be saved from further loss by shaking. When the branch is jarred the caterpillar suspends itself by a strand of silk, and will drop to the ground if the shaking be continued. A padded mallet or pole can be used to jar the branches, and the insects, as they drop may be caught on a sheet or curculio catcher. This is a slow, tedious method of combatting the pest, but by this means further injury to the fruit crop may often be prevented.

In conjunction with collecting the egg masses or spraying, banding will serve to protect the trees from reinfestation by migrating caterpillars. This is often desirable when there are badly infested trees in the immediate vicinity. The band may be made of a strip of raw cotton or sticky fly paper. The cotton should be tightly fastened about the middle so that it is loose above and below. The barbed hairs of the caterpillar become entangled in the cotton fibers, and it is unable to pass over the band. In order to be effective, the bands should



Injury to Apples by the Tussock Moth.

be renewed from time to time as they become soiled or matted by rain. The bands should be employed during the months of June, July and August.

The same measures that are recommended for the treatment of this pest in orchards are also applicable to the treatment of shade trees, only here more emphasis should be placed on the value of banding the trees and collecting the egg masses. Spraying shade trees is not practicable for the average property owner because the trees are usually of large size. Such operations require special machinery and men having considerable knowledge of spraying methods. Spraying of shade trees is not done to any great extent except where the work is directed by the municipal authorities.

However, it is in the power of every resident to completely protect his trees by destroying the egg masses and banding the trees to prevent reinfestation by migrating caterpillars.

All-Around Spray. Lime-sulphur is a good all-around spray for young trees.

LABOR SAVERS IN KITCHEN

Innumerable Useful Contrivances of Which the Housewife of the Past Knew Nothing.

Preparation of food is the part of the home labor that seems to call for the most ingenuity. If jolly making is in order the fruit is put in a combination colander and press that yields the juice at once. From this it is poured into a strainer that is supported by its own iron standard.

In preparing the fruit there are many little conveniences, such as strawberry hullers, cherry pitters, orange peelers, pineapple eyers, apple parers and corers, and nut crackers that take out the meats as well.

Then how our grandmothers, who used to beat eggs with a fork, or, indeed, our mothers, who made their mayonnaise by laboriously dropping the oil with one hand while they beat with the other, must envy the young housekeeper her wonderful combination of eggbeater and mayonnaise mixer which in its close covered glass dish makes eggs or cream stiff enough to cut, and mayonnaise "while you wait."

There are also many helpful contrivances for preparing vegetables. There are bean cutters, corn shredders, asparagus holders, potato slicers, slatters and bakers. The meat grinder, which will also grind vegetables, nuts and bread crumbs, has made the old chopping bowl almost obsolete. They have been greatly simplified, and one comes of only one or two parts. Bread and cake mixers have done much to standardize those two important products of the kitchen. Knives of some new shape to exactly fit their purpose are constantly appearing. There is one exactly like a safety razor. Others are round or triangular to fit sinks and saucetaps. A rubber plate scraper is a great convenience.

TOMATO SOUP FOR COLD DAY

Should Be Put Up While Vegetables Are Cheap, and Kept Always in Dark Place.

One peck of ripe tomatoes, washed and cut into pieces. Wet six tablespoons cornstarch in enough water to make smooth and add to them. Fry four large onions in half a pound of butter until well browned, but don't burn them, and put with tomatoes and boil until thoroughly cooked, season well stirred, so as not to catch on bottom. Add one pound white sugar, salt and pepper to taste (spice can be added if liked) and two quarts of boiling water. Strain through colander, pressing out all that will go through, then through cheese cloth. Put back on stove and when boiling hot in jars and seal, and keep in a cool, dark place. This is a delicious, clear, red soup and fine on a cold winter day or night.

Tomatoes must be kept in the dark, as light will cause them to spoil. I put can in paper bag, then in cellar, and thick paper over all and have no trouble in keeping them.

White Ginger Bread Recipe. This is a nice change from the brown variety most frequently made. Take a pound of dry, sifted flour, half a pound of loaf sugar, the rind of one fresh lemon, one ounce of new ground beef ginger root, half a nutmeg grated, half a teaspoonful of carbonate of soda, and a gill of milk.

Rub the flour and butter together, add the powdered sugar, the lemon rind minced very fine, ginger and nutmeg; warm the milk slightly. Stir in the soda, and mix the whole to a smooth paste. Shape it, and bake it for 15 minutes.

Sandwich Filling. From a boiled ham skin remove all the skin and some of the fat, cut up and put through food chopper with two hard boiled eggs and two sour pickles. The latter supplies the moisture needed.

For a change leave pickles and eggs out, mixing meat with a few tablespoons of salad dressing. With this filling use a lettuce leaf to each sandwich.

A ten-cent shank bought of the butcher supplies filling for sandwiches for six persons.

Orange Float. Two cups white sugar, juice of one lemon, one quart of boiling water, four tablespoons of cornstarch, wet with cold water, one tablespoon butter. Cook until thick. When cold pour over four or five oranges and the sugar, set on ice and serve cold.

Repelling Shades. Remove from the rollers, make a hem on the worn end of the shades and insert the stick, straighten the worn end and tack it to the roller. Always trim shades with a knife, using a straight edge as a guide. This makes a clean, smooth cut.

Baked Liver. Let stand in cold water an hour. Wipe and put into baking pan. Dredge with flour and put slices of fat salt pork on top. Add a little water and bake from 20 to 30 minutes. Don't let it get hard. It should be tender and moist.

Vegetable Stew. One-half cup diced onion, two cups shredded cabbage; cook slowly in salted water for half an hour; then add three cups of diced potatoes; cook until potatoes are tender, allowing water to cook away, then add a piece of butter and cup of milk. Good and easily made.

SOME POULTRY CONCLUSIONS

Expert of Missouri Station Gives Out Few Practical Suggestions on Chicken Raising.

Under the heading of "Lessons Learned," Mr. Quisenberry of the Missouri experiment station has issued the following notes for poultry raisers, based on the year's work in the egg-laying contest at that station:

That there is no variety of breed which far exceeds others in general use as far as egg production is concerned.

That some hens have a born tendency to lay, and others have a born tendency to put on fat. The latter kind should be culled out in establishing a laying strain.

That a little moistened food is related and will increase egg production.

That many high producers lay thin-shelled eggs, and that the germs are often weak. A few high producers are able to lay large numbers of eggs, fertilize them and put vitality into the chick.

The Mediterranean class can stand more protein and fattening food than the birds of the American, Asiatic or English classes. There is not so much danger of the Mediterraneans becoming too fat, and they require a richer food than the other classes mentioned.

That the purpose of properly feeding and housing a hen is not to feed eggs into her body, but to so feed and care for her that you may get out of her the eggs which breeding has placed there. Proper feeding, housing and care have a bearing on the number of eggs produced by a flock, but breeding is most important.

That the best producers have broad bodies. The best is broad, and the ribs are widespread, giving plenty of room for egg and digestive organs.

That good layers are big eaters. A bird must have capacity to eat and digest a big amount of food if she is to lay well.

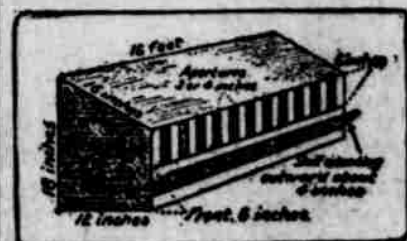
That most of the high producers have good sized combs for their breed.

HANDY POULTRY FEED HOPPER

Device Shown in Illustration Has Advantage of Shelf in Front, Preventing All Wastes.

This hopper has the advantage of having a shelf running along the front, by means of which much waste can be prevented. It can easily be made from any available lumber, and is as simple as a smaller if required.

Dry mash feed, or, in fact, any mash feeding, has its drawbacks in the fact that some of the food is wasted by being pulled out on the ground. There are some things which the birds like better than others, and if they are not



Useful Feed Hopper.

very hungry they will endeavor to pick out the things that they like in preference to the general feed. The best way to overcome this is to have the feed only half way up in the trough or hoppers from which they draw their supply. If they will have to reach down for the food and pick it right up there, they cannot pick or pull the rest of the food from the hopper. A good, deep hopper is what you need, and you will find it will be a saving to you.

MARGIN OF PROFIT AND LOSS

If Record is Kept of Cost of Production and Sales One May Tell If Flock is Paying.

A flock of hens should be made to pay a good dividend on the investment. If they do not do this, there is something radically wrong somewhere along the line.

If you have kept a record of the cost of production and sales you will be able to tell whether or not your hens are paying. Hens that are laying an average of 50 to 60 per cent. are doing well, and will make a good showing in the right side of the cash book. And averages above that will be so much more gain, and will more than justify keeping the birds.

If they fall way below this mark you had better investigate and find out the cause of the trouble. It may be that you have a poor strain of birds; that you are not feeding the right kind of food or in sufficient quantities, or that you are not giving them the proper attention that they must have in order to be great producers.

White Clover for Egg Layer.

White clover hay is the richest in lime. Feeding clover is a preventive of soft-shelled eggs. Cut clover hay has helped revolutionize the poultry business. Red clover hay contains about twenty-eight pounds of lime to the thousand pounds. Scald the clover hay at night, and keep it covered so it can steam. See that the clover is cut to one-half inch length. When longer it is apt to pack in the crop, causing crop-bound.

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After Four Years of Discouraging

Conditions, Mrs. Bullock Gave

Up in Despair. Husband

Came to Rescue.

Catron, Ky.—In an interesting letter from this place, Mrs. Bettie Bullock writes as follows: "I suffered for four years, with womanly troubles, and during this time, I could only sit up for a little while, and could not walk anywhere at all. At times, I would have severe pains in my left side.

The doctor was called in, and his treatment relieved me for a while, but I was soon confined to my bed again. After that, nothing seemed to do me any good.

I had gotten so weak I could not stand, and I gave up in despair.

At last, my husband got me a bottle of Cardui, the woman's tonic, and I commenced taking it. From the very first dose, I could tell it was helping me. I can now walk two miles without tiring me, and am doing all my work."

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